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TAGS: CJAN CVIS KCRM SNAR DR
SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FUGITIVES JIMENEZ AND GARCIA EXTRADITED
TO THE U.S.

REF: A. 2006 STATE 148999
1B. 2004 SANTO DOMINGO 744
1C. 2002 STATE 019395

11. On January 12, 2007, U.S. Marshals returned Jose Jimenez Guerrero to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for trial on a variety of narcotics charges detailed in indictment number 06-253 (PG), filed on August 10, 2006. As described in the indictment, Jimenez was a member of a drug trafficking organization that arranged the importation of multi-kilogram quantities of cocaine into Puerto Rico between August and November 2005. (Ref A)

12. Following the September 22, 2006, issuance of a Dominican arrest warrant based on a September 12, 2006, U.S. Government request for extradition, Jimenez was apprehended December 27, 2006, by officers of the Dominican National Directorate for Drug Control's Fugitive Unit (DNCD). Jimenez made a knowing, voluntary, and intelligent waiver of his right to challenge the extradition before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court. His extradition was properly confirmed by presidential decree.

13. On January 15, 2007, U.S. Marshals will return Ramon Alejandro Garcia Checo to Essex County, New Jersey to face charges of murder, receipt of stolen property, and child endangerment, as well as a variety of narcotics and firearms offenses detailed in indictments 89-0-1913 (filed April 18, 1989), 97-04-1731 (filed April 10, 1997), and 98-12-4954 (filed December 1, 1998). (Ref C)

14. Garcia's extradition was requested via Embassy diplomatic note dated February 4, 2002. He was arrested in the spring of 2003 pursuant to this request, but was released soon after under suspicious circumstances by then Attorney General Victor Cespedes. (Ref B) A provisional arrest warrant for Garcia was reissued for Garcia by Cespedes on March 16, 2004.

15. On January 10, 2007, Garcia, accompanied by his attorneys, surrendered himself to Assistant Attorney General for Extradition and International Affairs Gisela Cueto. He then made a knowing, voluntary, and intelligent waiver of his right to challenge his extradition before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court. His extradition was properly confirmed by presidential decree.

16. Jimenez and Garcia are the first two fugitives to be extradited to the United States in CY-2007 and are the 10th

and 11th individuals to be extradited or returned in lieu of
extradition during FY-2007.

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